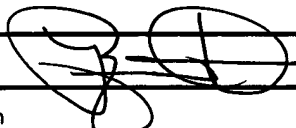
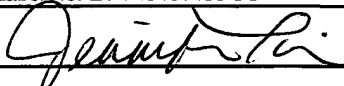


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REPLY TO SUBMISSION OF PRIOR ART UNDER 35 USC 301

Sir:

Robert Fish, attorney for the company, Bird B Gone, that has slavishly copied the invention disclosed in this application (as shown in prior submissions by Applicant), has filed yet another submission of prior art under 35 U.S.C. 301. Their desperation is now clearly showing. The newly submitted prior art has been reviewed, and again it is far afield from the invention at issue -- none of the newly cited prior art singly shows, and no combination of them suggests, for example, the "flex feature" discussed in the pending Request for Reconsideration.

Only one of the newly cited prior art is even intended as a bird or pest deterrent (WO 84/04022), and that one discloses only "flat metal ribbons" attached either directly to the boat surface, or in the case of a metal boat surface, to rubber ribbons that are then attached to the boat surface. Obviously, the boat surface is not flexible, and sewing is of course not described or

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suggested as an attachment method. This patent is, however, believed to be the most relevant prior art in this last batch submitted by Mr. Fish, and as noted, it is not really relevant at all except to show yet one more unsuccessful attempt by others.

As a clear indication of how far afield Mr. Fish is willing to go in order to cite patents, one is actually a "hot melt multi-section hose heating system." How a disclosure in that field of art is even the least bit related is not explained by Mr. Fish.

The patent which Mr. Fish's summary table says discloses all of the items in his table headings (U.S. 5,151,319), is just another electrified fence tape of the types previously disclosed and discussed, and which doesn't show the "flex feature" or sewing as described and claimed in the pending application. Although Mr. Fish's summary says this reference describes and shows "sewing," for support, he refers generally to columns 1 and 2, and specifically to column 4, lines 1-5. The words "sew" and "sewing" do not appear anywhere in the patent, let alone columns 1, 2 or 4. Accordingly, it appears that Mr. Fish is contending that "stitching 10" (column 4, lines 1-5) refers to sewing as claimed in the pending application. What is referred to there, however, are "the knitted stitches 10" (see column 3, line 58) as shown in Figures 3 and 4. Mr. Fish does not even attempt to explain how that is relevant to the sewing limitation in the claims now pending.

Applicant believes that none of the prior art references cited by Mr. Fish is even as close as that already submitted to and considered by the Examiner.

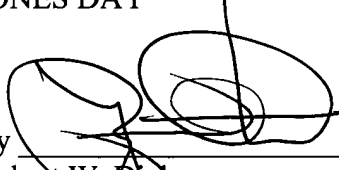
Accordingly, none of the prior art precludes patentability, and the clear evidence now in the record about long felt need, attempts by others, and copying by Mr. Fish's client, Bird B Gone, plainly supports patentability. Mr. Fish's continued attempts to delay issuance of this patent by strategically-timed submissions of "new" prior art should not be further countenanced.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited. It is also requested that all of the prior art submitted by applicant and Mr. Fish be cited in the prosecution file as having been considered in this application.

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